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Sir:

PETITION TO EXTEND

Petition is hereby made to extend the life of the above-entitled application for five (5) months from the due date of September 19, 2004, of the Official Action dated August 19, 2004.

An extension fee of \$2,160.00 is now attached in order that a Request for a Continuation application may be filed herewith.

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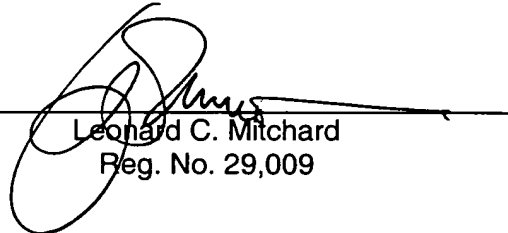
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